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GLEANNINGS FROM PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Located in rear of Independence and Tracy avenues, Kansas City, Mo.

Gleanings from Pleasant Green Baptist church, located in the rear of Independence and Tracy avenues, Kansas City, Mo.

Sunday school opened at its usual hour, 9:30, superintendent being late. Rev. E. M. Wilson, pastor, opened services. Lesson taught thirty minutes by teachers, which was timely and instructive. Explanation from cluster leaf by pastor, which was plain and comprehensive. Sunday school was unusually interesting.

Choir entered choir box, and at the bidding of the pastor sang, "I'll die at my post." Congregation read eighth chapter of Matthew from 1st to 23rd verses led by pastor. Choir peeled forth in sweet melodious strains, "It pays me to serve Jesus." Sermon by pastor. Text Act. 24, 25. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled. Subject, "Power of Truth." He stated that Paul was a man of God, and reasoned with Felix, a man of the world. He further adds, that if we as Christians see the sword coming and warn not the wicked, their blood would be on our own heads. Felix trembled because he could not stand the word, the power of God. We had a most excellent sermon delivered with great pathos. Doors of church were opened for the reception of members while choir sang, "We Tell Him of His Salvation." Dismissal after collection was taken.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the annual sermon of the Knights of Pythias was preached at the Second Baptist church, by our pastor, Rev. E. M. Wilson. Choir entered box and sang. A short, but most excellent program was rendered by the Knights of Pythias and sisters of the Colanthe. At 2:45 the Knights came from the North on Charlotte street, accompanied by the Metropolitan band; in the meanwhile the ladies of the Colanthe were gathered in the basement of the church. The band at the Second Baptist church, the Knights of Pythias raised more money than any of the lodges at their annual meetings this year, their general collection was close to fifty dollars, which went for various benevolent purposes. G. W. M.

ALMOST KNOCKED OUT TILLMAN.

South Carolina Senator Badly Staggered for a Moment.

Senator Tillman was once sent by the Democratic Congressional Committee out to Kentucky to orate for the ticket. The first speech he made there up to a certain point was a great success. He spoke of the necessity of electing incorruptible men to Congress, "such as the Democracy of this district has chosen to represent the people at Washington." Just at this moment some one in the crowd interrupted with: "Would Dr. Claherty sell out?" "What's that?" asked Tillman, somewhat riled at this break in his train of thoughts. "Would Dr. Claherty sell out?" repeated the questioner. "And who the blazes is Dr. Claherty?" asked Tillman. "He's the man you're asking us to vote for," came the prompt response. The Senator was stunned, and could only blurt out: "I never heard of him before."

A Unique Apology.

President Roosevelt was telling a friend about his mail, which averages 500 or 600 letters a day. "One of the most remarkable letters I ever received," he said, "arrived on the morning the first full accounts of the Martinique disaster were printed in the newspapers. The writer said he saw that the American consul at Martinique had been burned to death. He applied for the place and wound up with this sentence: 'I make this early application so as to get in ahead of those loathsome creatures, the office seekers.'"

Little More Anthracite in Sight. Prof. Charles D. Walcott, director of the geological survey, says the anthracite fields of the United States will be exhausted in sixty years.

SPIDER WEBS AND ACOUSTICS.

Scientist Claims There is Value in the Thin Threads.

There is hope for the spider. Hitherto he has been evilly regarded as a predatory parasite, which toils not though he spins; his toils and his castles in the air have been rudely breached by the long broom of the housemaid. But he may yet come into his own, for Dr. Javal suggests that the gossamer tissues with which this artist among insect craftsmen hang our ceilings may have acoustic virtues. Speaking recently at the opening sitting of the Paris Academy of Medicine in its new hall (which is acoustically deficient), he told a story of a public hall in England which was noted for its acoustic properties until in an unhappy moment the ceiling was given a spring cleaning, and a clean sweep made of all the spider's webs and, with them, of the hall's good name. The doctor does not suggest installations of spiders' webs, but thinks it might be a good thing to hang cotton threads over the auditorium.

WAIVED RIGHTS AS A SON.

True Journalistic Spirit Evincing by Young Corbin.

Gen. Corbin's son is a newspaper reporter in Washington. The other day he was sent to the Adjutant General's office and found the door closed against all comers. He pulled from his pocket a card with his name and the paper he represented on it, and asked the messenger to carry it in. A moment later the messenger returned with the information: "Gen. Corbin says he hasn't time to talk to reporters just now, but if his son Rutherford is outside he will be glad to see him." "I'm not his son Rutherford on this occasion, so I'll just lay for him here as he comes out," replied the youngster, determined not to sacrifice the chance for a "story" to a personal interview with "the governor."

Imitates Mrs. Astor.

A certain comic opera soprano in New York is causing much annoyance to Mrs. John Jacob Astor by imitating that young fashion leader in every way possible. In dress, walk, equipage and manner does the stage celebrity show this "sincerest form of flattery." The climax came last week when the woman of fashion added to her stable accoutrements a horse cover of fine seal leather with the Astor crest wrought inconspicuously in brass in one corner. Every one waited for the burlesque queen to do likewise. The next time she appeared, her horse was covered by the leather trappings. But the crest was as big as a saucer.

Editor Given Professorship.

Dr. George Frederick Stout, editor of Mind, has been appointed to the chair of logic and metaphysics in St. Andrew's university of Glasgow, in succession to the late Prof. Ritchie.

Work for Artists.

Italian artists have been requested to arrange the decoration of Rome in honor of the Kaiser's visit. The scheme will include a "Street of Triumph."

Anxious to Please.

A Washington woman who is troubled with chronic nightmare, caused by heart failure, and who frequently cries out in her sleep, recently advertised for room and board "with a family who will not object to screaming in the night." Among the answers she received was one which asked, "How often would you require us to scream?"

Floating Islands in Massachusetts.

An island 125 feet by 80, in Lake Garfield, in the Southern Berkshire town of Monterey, floated three-quarters of a mile last week to the other side of the pond. Lake Quota in Pittsfield also has a floating island. Real estate in that section seems to need nailing down.—Boston Transcript.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS.

Mrs. Fisher died last Sunday and was buried from the Macedonia Baptist church Monday. Rev. Fitts preached the funeral.

Rev. J. C. Caldwell spent a few days in Jefferson City last week visiting friends.

A dumb bell drill will be given at the A. M. E. church on the 26th under the direction of Mrs. Mollie Jenkins.

A missionary meeting was held at the Second Baptist church Sunday afternoon. It was addressed by some ladies and gentlemen from Kansas City who are especially interested in the work of missions.

Miss Fannie Griggs has a friend visiting her, Miss Saunders, a student of George R. Smith college.

Father Duncan, one of the oldest citizens of this city died on Friday and was buried Sunday.

The Boys' Brigade meets every Saturday afternoon at the armory. We trust the parents will urge upon their boys to attend. The object of it is to teach the boys to be mannerly and obedient.

Miss Minnie Tucker has returned home from her school at Holden. She reports as having had a very pleasant year. She has been elected as teacher at Pleasant Hill next year.

The M. E. church is making great preparations to entertain the Sabbath school and Epworth League Convention which convenes here on the 17th of June. They are expecting at least one hundred delegates to attend. Prof. I. McGrath, the historian, and secretary of the Epworth league, has promised to be present and deliver an address.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. church on the 29th.

The pastor, members and friends of the A. M. E. church are putting forth every effort to raise \$700 on the 1st Sunday in June. The church expects every member to do his duty. "Up and at it."

A week's meeting will begin at the A. M. E. church on Sunday, May 29th. Rev. M. Collins of Kansas City has consented to be present and preach during the week.

LEXINGTON NEWS.

The quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. church will be held Sunday at the church. The total amount realized from the rally at the A. M. E. church was \$307.85, at the M. E. church, \$60.70. Second Baptist church, \$65.

Seventeen persons were baptized Sunday by Rev. C. C. Calhoun, assisted by Rev. Strickley.

Rev. Hutton of the Christian church filled the pulpit at both morning and evening services.

Rev. Gilbert went to Mayview Sunday to assist Rev. I. N. Triplett in his quarterly meeting.

Mrs. Annie Wright, in company with her mother, has been visiting Mrs. Kirk Wilson.

If you call on Messrs. Al Williams and John Booker, they will save you some money.

Mr. Jerry Freeman attended the electoral College at Jefferson City on the 14th and reported a good time.

Mrs. Jane Bell is on the sick list. Mrs. Tilda Coates is quite ill.

Why not all the colored people go out on Decoration Day and clean up the graveyard? Let us have a mass meeting next Tuesday night at some of the churches.

Mr. Wm. Worduff has opened a coal yard. Call on him. We should patronize every legal enterprise started by our people in Lexington. If we ever expect to be as other races we must have more self respect. We should not spend our means with those who do not appreciate us.

Cocaine in Demand.

A drug store in Atlanta, Ga., filled more than three thousand prescriptions for cocaine in two months.

Much Money for Aged Poor.

Dr. L. Gideon Archambault, late of Providence, R. I., left \$40,000 to found a home for the aged poor.

Well-Known Scholar Dead.

Prof. A. H. Chester, who held the chair of chemistry and mineralogy at Teachers college, is dead.

Penal Institutions.

Commenting upon the manner in which young men are made to work in the technical schools as compared with the more easy ways of life in colleges, President Pritchett of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology told this story on his own institution at the recent installation of Alexander C. Humphreys as president of Stevens Institute:

"At a civil service examination in Massachusetts there was one applicant who had tried the course at 'Tech' with ill results. A question on the paper asked the names of the penal institutions of Massachusetts, and this was the reply:

"The state prison at Charlestown, the reformatory for women at Sherburne and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology."—New York Times.

The Progress of Japan.

There are in Japan twenty-eight natives of the country who have been students at the University of Pennsylvania and several of them have recently met in Tokio and formed an alumni association. One of them writes: "The name is rather odd to you. We call it in Japanese 'The Same Window Society of the University of Pennsylvania.' That means we have once studied by the same window. Then we have no president of the society; we are too democratic maybe—too much Americanized, I fear. But the members are too few to need it. Only I serve the society as the secretary and treasurer and everything." He signs himself "Sada Sugura."

Bluffed Gen. Kitchener.

A certain young Canadian officer of engineers is credited with having "put down" Lord Kitchener during the troubles in South Africa. The young man was in charge of an important piece of railroad work. Kitchener appeared one morning and expressed disapproval of some features, talking in characteristically biting fashion. The young officer had his share of the independence which comes of living on this side of the Atlantic, so he said: "Am I blurring this work or are you?" Kitchener looked at him, recognized a young fellow after his own heart and walked away with a nod of approval.

Legacy Has Grown.

A Wednesday (England) resident in the sixteenth century left \$1,000 to provide annually on St. Thomas' day three gowns and three coats to indigent persons of the parish. Following the custom of the times the money was invested in land (in this case in minerals), and the original legacy has increased in value to \$10,000. Instead of the three gowns and the three coats the charity commissioners who administer the funds are able to present 200 gowns and sixty coats.

The Obstinate Way.

"I am very sorry that we can't have harmony in our party," said the statesman. "Harmony is indispensable." "Yes; but you won't agree with the other people." "Of course I won't. And it is exceedingly stupid of them not to see that the only way to have harmony is to come around and agree with me."

Art Critic Stirs Controversy.

Giulio Bonola, the well-known Italian art critic, has just finished his investigation in regard to the Santa Cecilia of Donatello and the results will presently be published. According to Bonola, the bas-relief in the British museum, which is regarded as the original "Santa Cecilia," is nothing but a copy. The critic asserts that he has found the authentic original in Padua.

Child Instruction.

We teach our children to use the left hand as much as the right in playing games, croquet, marbles, ball, etc., as this is good for the development of the child, strengthening the back and bringing into play all the muscles on each side of the body, says an experienced kindergarten instructor.

ALLEN CHAPEL.

Last Sunday's services were well attended and those who were fortunate enough to get to church on time heard a beautiful sermon. We only attend church once a week and it does seem a pity that it takes us until twelve o'clock Sunday morning to get ready to go. Why not prepare ourselves on Saturday for Sunday as our forefathers taught us to do. The people who live nearest are usually the last to get there. We ought to improve on this.

Our quarterly meeting is May 31st. We are hoping for a big day in Zion, such as we have been enjoying for the past two years. We can make no complaint whatever on any of our services. In everything we are doing exceedingly well entirely out of the old way of dragging along. No service is a drag.

The Sons of Allen had a splendid time at their meeting last week. We are very glad to see them getting down to work again. We are proud of these young men and they are men you can depend upon. Our church needs more young intelligent men. We have passed the time of the slow drag. We must hustle in church work as in everything else.

Some of the ladies have not been able to do any work for the church since the bazaar, too bad to work a few so had. We need more workers to keep this great church in a steady motion. Doing things by spells does not amount to much, it's the regular doing that counts.

Keep your eye upon the Rising Son if you want to know what we are doing. We may be a little quiet just now, but we are not asleep.

Woman Dean of Women.

Miss Theodosia Ammons, who represented Colorado at the national suffrage convention at New Orleans, is dean of women in the Colorado Agricultural College.

Yo Advance Cause of Science.

The Swedish government has appropriated \$20,000 for the publication of the scientific results of Dr. Sven Hedin's journey through central Asia.

New Cattle Food Popular.

Machinery has been ordered for the Argentine Republic to turn out 250 tons a week of "molasscut," the new cattle food made from molasses and sugarcane fiber.

Death of Former Diplomat.

James O. Putnam, who was made minister to Belgium in 1880, on the recommendation of William M. Evarts is dead at Buffalo, N. Y., aged 84.

Still Remember De Wet.

A London humorist, on whose house painters had been working, put out the sign "De Wet Paint" for the benefit of passersby. The memory of the crafty Boer general still lingers in the British capital.

Desert Electric Light for Gas.

The municipal authorities of Enfield, one of the western suburbs of Sydney, have, after a dozen years' experience of the electric light for street illumination, decided to revert to gas.

Our Imports From China.

The United States imported from China last year \$27,189,283 worth. The large items are: Silk, \$19,643,950; tea, \$7,447,822; great skins, \$2,127,267; wool, \$2,035,895; matting, \$1,302,881. Some interesting items are: Firecrackers, \$103,328; dog skins, \$71,362; bristles, \$397,962.

New Standard of Measurement.

It having been found that the meter is not a natural unit of measure, it is being exactly a ten-millionth part of a quadrant of the terrestrial meridian, M. Gadot suggests that the height of the column of quicksilver in the barometer, at a given altitude and temperature, be taken as the standard.

Art of Dwarfing Trees.

The art of dwarfing trees is part of the education of the Japanese upper classes. Many persons devote as much time to it as our women do to music.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

A Convention of leading Negroes will meet there next week May 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The Western University—an institution at Quindaro, Kansas—having for its purpose the training of the Negro youth along intellectual and industrial lines, is making great preparation for the Commencement exercises which will this year surpass any previous closing.

The first of a series of exercises will be held Friday night the 22nd at Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Mo. At this time the closing musicale will be given at 8 o'clock sharp. All other exercises will be held on the University grounds. Sunday, May 24th, at 3 p. m., the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. J. C. Caldwell, of Independence, Mo.

The next day, May 25, marks the beginning of a new movement for the "Unity and Uplift of the Race." By way of the opening session of what will hereafter be known as the "Western University Chautauqua," bringing together the leading spirits of the Negro Race. There will be present Negro farmers, mechanics, business men, professional men, including lawyers, doctors, educators, ministers, etc.

MONDAY MAY 25th. From 9 to 12 will be "Industrial Day." From 1:30 to 5 p. m., will be "Business Men's Day."

At night at 8 p. m., will be the class day exercises of the class of 1903.

TUESDAY MAY 26th.

From 9 to 12 will be doctors, lawyers and druggist day." From 1:30 to 5 p. m. will be "Ministerial Day." At night at 8 p. m., Rev. Wm. H. Peck, B. D., will deliver the annual address to the religious societies.

WEDNESDAY MAY 27th.

From 9 to 12 will be "Educational Day." President B. F. Allen of Lincoln Institute will be present at this session, with many other distinguished gentlemen.

Languages and Religions.

There are 3,064 languages in the world, and more than 1,000 religions. The number of men is about equal to the number of women. The average length of human life is about 33 years, and of 1,000 persons only one reaches the age of 100 years.

Well Done.

Hint to the women. If men will not eat the steak, bring it on the table the second time with a fresh garnishment of parsley. The third time, a hand-painted platter, assisted by the parsley, may succeed in moving it.—Aitchison Globe.

Range of Human Sight.

Standing on the highest mountain, which is slightly over five miles above sea level, a man can see to a distance of 200 miles on a clear day. To see objects at a distance of 100 miles, the observer must be standing at a height of 6,667 feet above the level of the sea.

Contempt for the Law.

It is one of the characteristics of the lynching mob to seek to make its act as much an expression of contempt for law as possible. Hence the fondness for some spot directly in front of the jail or courthouse as the place for the hanging. The lynching reported from Warren, Ark., illustrated the point.—Buffalo Express.

Railroad Consolidation.

Ten years ago eighty railroads issued weekly reports of earnings. Now but fifty-five publish such figures, twenty-five roads having disappeared by consolidation.

Turtle Eggs a Valuable Food.

Turtle eggs are highly prized in countries where they are abundant, and though once commonly eaten in America are now seldom offered.

Long Term in Pastorate.

The Rev. William Arnold has been connected thirty-eight years with the Congregation Keneseth Israel of Philadelphia. The Rev. Arnold is in his 74th year and is still active.